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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 1793

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YASUHISA HAGIWARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: KERNS, KEVIN P.
SERIAL NO: 10/565,540 :
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FOR: CONTINUOUS CASTING :
METHOD, CAST MEMBER, METAL
WORKED ARTICLE, AND CONTINUOUS
CASTING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.